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Flashback to GARS Field Day 1997!

## GWINNETT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY 1997 FIELD DAY

Where over 180 Visitors Called GARS Field Day

"The Event"



# Message from the President

The heat of Summer is upon us and several operating events have heated up as well. A couple of operating events (you might even call them contests) have been a great way to kick off Summer.

We concluded another very successful and enjoyable Field Day at Harbins Park with great participation. Band conditions were mostly cooperative and our total score looks like it will be almost as good as last year. The heat eased a bit on Saturday and the rain held off until we were almost packed up to leave on Sunday. We were able to get a maximum number of bonus points this year with key visitors, copying the ARRL Bulletin, an educational activity, sending packet messages and a message to the Section Manager. Food is always a big part of a GARS Field Day and 2018 was no exception. What impressed me most about this year's event was the number of people keeping the stations active and trying out new modes. As one of the band captains with a digital station, I usually operate quite a few hours. This year, there were more people operating the digital station and I was glad to sit back a bit and watch them make contacts. I think our digital contacts were higher than they have been in several years. We always owe a great thanks to our Field Day Chairman, David Adcock, KA4KKF, but don't forget the many others who take on responsibilities to make Field Day a great event.

Fourth of July week brings around another fun operating event with 13 Colonies. This is always a fun event that seems to get a lot of people participating from GARS. I had the privilege of participating another year as one of the K2G operators as several GARS members do. From the posts I've seen, quite a few from GARS have achieved a "clean sweep". This operating event (I hate to call it a contest) is a wonderful way to get on the air during the Fourth of July holiday week. The idea behind the contest of contacting stations from each of the original 13 colonies is a great way to celebrate our country's history and you won't find a more friendly and patriotic group of people in each of the "colonies". It's refreshing to hear stations sign with "God Bless America" during this special holiday week. It can be challenging especially trying to catch the bonus stations, but it's an event you are guaranteed to enjoy.

While these two events are among the big ones of Summer, I encourage folks to try some of these operating events throughout the year. For Hams upgrading to Technician and higher class licenses, you can develop and practice skills in the HF bands that are now available to operate. For others, it's a way to make contacts with new states, countries and zones for



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awards. On almost any weekend, there are contests and operating events of some kind to try out.

Occasionally, I see comments complaining about contests and how they dominate the bands and make it difficult for non-contesters to operate. With the exception of Field Day, very few operating events have the participation that makes the bands unusable for other contacts and ragchews. Besides the enjoyment many get from these events, we need to remember the basic reasons for Amateur Radio as expressed in Part 97.1 of the FCC Rules:

- Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art;
- Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art;
- Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts;
- Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

Operating events and contests support several of the basic tenants of Amateur Radio. While many will have no interest in these types of activities, we can be respectful of those who do. I continue to be amazed at the variety of activities and technologies that make up Amateur Radio.

73,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Adams".

**WB4QDX,  
Club  
President**

***"It is not the class of license the Amateur holds, but the class of the Amateur that holds the license."***

[Author Unknown]

# GARS July Meeting and Workshop

## Active Shooter

by Officer Coates  
*Tuesday, July 10, 2018 7:00 pm*

## CPR and AED Training

by Sandy Jackson, KJ4DRO  
*Tuesday, July 17, 2018 7:00 pm*

Sports Aviation Complex—Hangar 1  
690 Airport Road  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

[Directions to EAA Hangar](#)

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### **GARS Communications**

<u>2 Meter Repeaters</u> 147.075(+) MHz Tone 82.5 147.255(+) MHz Tone 107.2	<u>6 Meter Repeater</u> 53.110 (-1 MHz) No Tone (Offline for Maintenance)
<u>1.25 Meter Repeater</u> 224.580(-) MHz Tone 100.0, 1.6 MHz Offset	<u>Other Resources:</u> <u>APRS</u> 144.390 -- 1200 Baud W4GR
<u>70 Cm Repeaters</u> 444.525(+) MHz Tone 82.5 442.100(+) MHz Tone 100 442.325(+) MHz Tone 100	<u>D-STAR</u> WD4STR 145.060 + (1.4 MHz) 440.550 + (5 MHz)

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# GARS Field Day

## Field Day VE Session

We had a good little test session during the Field Day event on Saturday 6/23. One applicant tested and passed the Technician exam.

Thanks to the VE's who participated and made it possible during this busy event:

- Dave Bruse, W4DTR (CVE)
- Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ
- Dozier Griffith, WA4DEO

73, *Sid Weaver*, N4NQ (Co-CVE)



# GARS Field Day (cont'd)



# GARS Happenings (cont'd)

## 20 Years ago in the July 1998 GARzette:

- The “President’s Pen”, by Ike, KE4GYM, gave a great summary of that year’s Field Day;
- In Karl, KG4ZZ’s “On The Air” column, we get to know Tom Dooley, K4TJD;
- Kevin, KF4RMA, tells us about a recent trip to Orlando, where he learns about the Walt Disney World Amateur Radio Club (WDWARC);
- Mike, K4HBI, declares the 1998 Field Day “Canathon” a Success;
- Randy, KE4YZV, is thankful for some help from fellow GARS members when a tree hits his house after a storm.

You can always browse the GARzette archive at  
<http://www.gars.org/newsletters>

73, *Bill*, WB2RIS, GARzette Editor



## GARS HELP WANTED

Public Information Officer (PIO) - Serve as the official GARS spokesperson. Provide information to the public and media when necessary. Write articles about GARS events (Field Day and other events) and release them to local media sources. To find out more about what is involved in being a club PIO, see [The ARRL PR-101 Page](#).

[Techfest.info](#) webmaster—a volunteer is needed to take over maintaining the [Techfest.info](#) website. Website changes typically start the months leading up to the TechFest event in January and end shortly after the event with summaries and wrap-up. Experience with maintaining a website under Wordpress or another Content Management System is desired but not required.

Georgia QSO Party Chairperson - a volunteer is needed to organize and coordinate next year's Georgia QSO Party in April, 2019 and beyond. The chairperson will schedule the facility, recruit station captains and volunteers to organize food and antennas.

Winter Field Day (WFD) Chairperson -- a volunteer is needed to organize and coordinate next year's Winter Field Day operating event in January, 2019 and beyond. The chairperson will schedule the facility, recruit station captains and volunteers to organize food and antennas. The outgoing Chairperson (Dave, W4DTR) will train you if needed.

If you're interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please contact one of the GARS Officers. Supporting GARS activities is an important part of what we do and the help of club members is needed.

[PS— articles to publish in the GARzette, either written by GARS members or published elsewhere, are always welcome.  
—Ed.]

# Beginner's Corner

## Summits on the Air

Whether you just got your license or you have had it a long time, Summits on the Air might be just the ticket for you.

What is Summits on the Air (SOTA)? According to their web site ([sota.org.uk](http://sota.org.uk)), "SOTA is an award scheme for radio amateurs that encourages portable operation in mountainous areas." Wow! That sounds like I have to climb the Swiss Alps with a backpack of heavy equipment, doesn't it? On the surface, it does, but it can be done with a simple handy-talkie (HT) and a decent antenna. You do not have to have an extra, or even a general class license to participate. Of course, as a technician class licensee, you are mainly restricted to anything above 30 MHz. That being said, the six-meter band has been hopping on occasion lately. This might be a good band to try if you have six-meter capabilities. Just have an HT? two meters is worth a try. I would start with the two-meter calling frequency (146.520 MHz).



How do I get involved with SOTA so I can start activating summits? First, go to the SOTA site ([www.sota.org.uk](http://www.sota.org.uk)) and register. You do not have to register with them, but if you do, according to their web site, "you can use SOTAwatch to see what is happening right now in SOTA and, join in discussions on the Reflector and log your activity in the Database." Check out the web site to get a good background on just what the SOTA program is. SOTA can be as easy or as difficult at you want it to be. Some adventurous souls hike to a faraway mountain to activate it. I personally like the summits you can drive to.

Where can I go to activate a summit? There are at least a couple places in Metro Atlanta that you can activate. Stone Mountain is right nearby. You can hike the mountain, or take the cable car (my way). Kennesaw Mountain is another summit that is close by. Again, it is a summit that you can drive to. Feeling a need to go out a bit further? Brasstown Bald is an excellent one to go to. There are many others in the state.

If going to a summit is not your thing, you can be a "chaser". Chasers let others go to the summits and then try to contact them.

If you know Morse Code (or willing to learn), there are numerous kits available for QRP (low power) operation. Even technicians have HF privileges in the HF bands. If you have even seen an Altoids tin, there are QRP kits that fit in them. After you have built and tested the kit, you can bring that, along with a Morse Code key and some wire for an antenna and go for that activation. There are even QRP voice kits, and some ready-made equipment available for Generals and Extras.

Check out [www.sota.org.uk](http://www.sota.org.uk) for more information. Also, go to YouTube and type in "SOTA" and see what videos come up. That will give you some visuals as to what activating summits is all about.

Happy activating!

73 de *David Harden, KJ4CMY*



# Gwinnett ARES Highlights

By Karen Whited, AB4NW

Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Emergency Operations Center on Hi Hope Road. Contact Hall Collier W4IGE for further information.



Gwinnett ARES was asked to provide communications support for the *Gwinnett Sheriff's Department Jail-Break Challenge Obstacle Run* on June 2, where teams and individuals compete around the 5K course. We have helped with this event for the last five years, and it has proved to be a great way to assist one of our served agencies. The event was held at the Gwinnett County Jail in Lawrenceville. Our volunteers shadowed EMS and Sheriff's Department personnel, staff positions at the start area, posts along the course, and the command post. We worked with Sheriff's Explorers, deputies, and EMS personnel. Only one incident on the course occurred.



The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners proclaimed June 17-23 as *Amateur Radio Week in Gwinnett County*. The ceremony was held on June 5, with several of our members attending. The proclamation recognizes the contribution of Amateur Radio to the county and our support of Gwinnett EOC. It also acknowledges

*Field Day* on June 23-24. On the right in the picture below is Charlotte Nash, Commission Chair.



Our June program featured Ed Woodrick, WA4YIH speaking on activating a shelter or other facility.



## MEMBER PROFILE: *Neal Gilchrist, W4HNG*

Neal is from Lawrenceville and is originally from Brunswick. He has a son, Evan, 26, living in Seattle. He attended Georgia Tech, the University of Georgia, and Georgia State. He previously worked as a professional photographer, a cabinet maker, programmer and in security. Neal was first licensed in 2013 at the Stone Mountain Hamfest and became a GARS and ARES member at that time. An ICOM IC-7600, IC-7100 and IC-5100 are in his shack. He enjoys the public service aspect of the hobby. His other hobbies include computers, guns and cooking.



# Net Managers Corner

## Monday Night 2 Meter “Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net”

### **GARS NEEDS MEMBERS TO SERVE AS NET CONTROL STATIONS!**

**GARS is a great Amateur Radio service club** and we have the membership and awards to prove it. Our club is a very busy and active club and we use the Monday night net to get the information out to our members. Weekly participation is needed to make our net function well. There is only a small group of very dedicated people that make the net happen each week, and we need more members to volunteer to serve as Net Control Stations (NCS) on a rotating basis.

Out of almost 300 members, there are only fifteen primary people who serve as NCS for the GARS net every Monday night. In no particular order, they are:

Norm - WA4ZXV	Kyle - W4KDA	Mitch - N0DIM
Ruth - KM4LAO	Hal - W4IGE	Don - KW4AL
Ray - N4GYN	Sandy - KJ4DRO	John - WB4QDX
Bill - KK4AUA	David - KK4KAF	Kevin - KK4WOG
Chuck - KK4TKJ	Mike - KK4KHS	Donna - KM4FMW

As GARS Net Manager (Chuck KK4TKJ), I really need 26 people to fill NCS positions. I do plan and post the schedule months in advance. Any conditions will be accommodated that you as a rotating NCS need to place on the scheduling of your duties. If your plans change, I can make adjustments for the schedule to work, and I will make those changes happen as soon as I am notified of a problem. As Net Manager, I also send out reminders each week to let the NCS scheduled know he or she is NCS for the next Monday night net. In short, serving as a rotating NCS is a small duty but a great contribution to the club.

The “Want, Swap, Sell Information Net” begins promptly at 19:30 every Monday night and runs about 45 minutes. As a scheduled NCS, you will request the assistance of a volunteer alternate NCS each time you have Net Control. Your simple duties will be to tune in to the GARS repeater, read the script, take a few notes and forward the information to me for record keeping.

Please lend a hand and contact me at [KK4TKJ@arrl.net](mailto:KK4TKJ@arrl.net). Sign up to help support the effort that makes GARS the great club that it is.

73 and see you on the Nets!

*Chuck McCord, KK4TKJ*

GARS Net Manager

# GARS Membership Page

## New GARS Members in June

**Robert Hoffman (KN4NGU)**  
**Gul Thadani (KR1SNA)**

## New Members: 2

Total Members as of July 1, 2018  
294

Join GARS members for our weekly breakfast gathering at 7:30 AM most Saturdays

at

**Golden Corral**  
**2155 Riverside Parkway**  
**Lawrenceville, GA 30043**

[\*\*\(Directions\)\*\*](#)

The following members are celebrating birthdays in July:

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**  
**From All of Us at GARS**

**Richard Barnes (W4IXN)**  
**James Boyd (KB9VTM)**  
**Charlie Broome (WD4CCZ)**  
**Bill Cherepy (WB4WTN)**  
**William Cohl (WB2PIH)**  
**Jean Delashmit (KM4FVO)**  
**Juan Manuel Dominguez**  
**Randy Drescher Jr (K4HS)**  
**Robert Hoffman (KN4NGU)**  
**Terry Jones (W4TL)**  
**Brian Jones (KD4UYP)**  
**Paul Kelley (W4KLY)**  
**Sherwin Levinson (K4SML)**  
**Audrey Mc Elroy (KM4BUN)**  
**Rob Osattin (KI4UTY)**  
**William (Bill) Pierce (K1LP)**  
**Lowry Rouse Jr (KM4Z)**  
**Stephen Schreiman (KJ4MWF)**  
**Sid Weaver (N4NQ)**  
**Randy Woolery (KK4CRL)**

## GARS MEMBERSHIP

Your current GARS membership status is shown in the monthly newsletter e-mail towards the bottom of the message.

To become a GARS member, or to renew your GARS membership, please visit our website—<http://www.gars.org>

To make changes to your GARS membership (moved, new e-mail address, new phone number, etc.), please e-mail the Membership Committee - [membership@gars.org](mailto:membership@gars.org)

You can **renew or update** your Amateur Radio license information with the FCC at their website for free <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

To update your ARRL information, please visit their website - <http://www.arrl.org>

Membership Chair: Karen Albritton, KI4HPP  
Committee Members: Dave Bruse, W4DTR, Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ

## EXTRA! EXTRA!

### Repeater Status

6M	currently down
147.075	Operational in Snellville
147.255	Operational in Snellville
224.580	Operational in Grayson
442.100	Operational at Goshen Springs
442.325	Operational in Buford
444.525	Operational in Snellville
	Link remote receivers being added

### G A R S Officers and Committee Chairs

John Davis, President	WB4QDX	
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Joe Biddle, Secretary	AD4PZ	
Pam Meridy, Treasurer	WB1AKQ	
Randy Collins, Program Manager	N4COR	
Karen Albritton, Membership Chair	KI4HPP	
Dave Bruse, VE Team & Workshop Leader and Winter Field Day Chair	W4DTR	
David Adcock, Webmaster and Field Day Chair	KA4KKF	
Dorothy Jubon, Public Information Officer	N2DLJ	
Ralph Pickwick, Apparel Manager and Education Chair	KJ4CNC	
Neal Gilchrist, TechFest Chair	W4HNG	
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Chuck McCord, Net Manager	KK4TKJ	
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### GARS on Social Media

GARS has moved from Yahoo Groups to Groups.io!

If you were subscribed to the Yahoo group, you have been automatically enrolled in Groups.io!



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<http://qars.org/groups.io>

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it GARS on Facebook:  
<http://qars.org/facebook>



Join GARS on YouTube:  
<http://qars.org/youtube>



Follow GARS on Twitter:  
<http://qars.org/twitter>

## GARS MEETING MINUTES

### Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society – GENERAL Meeting Minutes 6/12/2018

**President John Davis (WB4QDX) Opened the meeting at 7:00pm and Closed the meeting at 8:30pm  
(Harbins Park – Field Day Site)**

**Introductions and Visitors:** Visitors were recognized and full Introductions of the [ 45 ] attendees followed.

**Treasurer:** Pam Meridy (WB1AKQ) Gave the Club financial report.

**Membership Report:** Karen Albritton (KI4HPP) reported that Membership is at [ 300 ].

**Program Chair:** Randy Collins (N4COR)

Upcoming Programs:

- July Active Shooter
- August New License, now what?
- September EAA
- October Show and tell
- November Bouvet DX Expedition
- December GARS Christmas Party

**GARS Workshop Program:** David (W4DTR) outlined the next few workshop sessions coming up:

- June Satellites, getting started
- July CPR / AED (not a certification course)
- August Show & Tell of CW Keys
- September Introduction to D-STAR

**Field Day:** David (KA4KKF) explained some of the Field Day Workings that's going to happen on the 23rd.

**Ice cream is served!**

Submitted by: Joe Biddle (AD4PZ) GARS Secretary

## ARRL CONTESTING INFO

### From ARRL Contest Calendar

> For more information click the links <

**July 2018**

9-11 [IARU HF World Championship](#)

**August 2018**

4-5 [222 MHz & Up Distance Contest](#)

18-19 [10 GHz and Up – Round 1](#)

19 [Rookie Roundup - RTTY](#)

**September 2018**

8-10 [September VHF](#)

15-16 [10 GHz & Up—Round 2](#)

29-30 [EME - 2.3 GHz And Up](#)

**October 2018**

15-19 [School Club Roundup](#)

27-28 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

**November 2018**

24-25 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

3-5 [Nov. Sweepstakes – CW](#)

17-19 [Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone](#)

30 [160 Meter \(Day 1\)](#)

**December 2018**

1-2 [160 Meter \(Days 2 and 3\)](#)

8-9 [10 Meter](#)

16 [Rookie Roundup—CW](#)

**January 2019**

1 [Straight Key Night](#)

5 [Kid's Day](#)

5-6 [RTTY Roundup](#)

19-21 [January VHF Sweepstakes](#)

**February 2019**

11-15 [School Club Roundup](#)

16-17 [International DX – CW](#)

**March 2019**

2-3 [International DX– Phone](#)

**April 2019**

14 [Rookie Roundup – Phone](#)

**For more information:**

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

## HAMFEST CALENDAR

### 07/28/2018 | [Greater Nashville & Middle Tennessee HamQuest](#)

**Location:** Lebanon, TN

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Wilson County Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://midtnhamquest.com>

### 08/18/2018 | [Southeastern Division Convention \(Huntsville Hamfest\)](#)

**Location:** Huntsville, AL

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Huntsville Hamfest Association

**Website:** <http://www.hamfest.org>

### 08/31/2018 | [Roanoke Division Convention \(Shelby Hamfest\)](#)

**Location:** Shelby, NC

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Shelby Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://shelbyhamfest.org>

### 11/03/2018 | [Georgia Section Convention \(Stone Mountain Hamfest\)](#)

**Location:** Lawrenceville, GA

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Alford Memorial Radio Club

**Website:** <http://stonemountainhamfest.com/>

**For more information:**

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

Note: When searching by division, remember some states adjacent to GA are in different divisions:

Southeastern: GA, AL, FL Delta: TN Roanoke: NC, SC



## GARS Events Calendar for 2018

Dog Show Fundraisers	Feb 1-4, August 22-25
Tech HamCrams	March 31, October
TechFest ( <a href="http://www.techfest.info">www.techfest.info</a> )	January 20
Winter Field Day	January 27 & 28
Georgia QSO Party	April 14 & 15
North metro area Fox Hunt	April 7
May Madness	May 4—13
Memorial Day Parade	May 28
ARC/KARC Hamfest	June 2
Field Day	June 23 & 24
General HamCram	July 21 & 28
JOTA	October
Maker Faire	October
Stone Mt. Hamfest	November 3 & 4
Christmas Party	December

**August GARS Speaker**  
**I Got My License, Now What?**  
**by David Harden, KJ4CMY**

## GARS Recurring Calendar

- ◆ 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm (except December): Monthly Club Meeting
- ◆ 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm (except December): Monthly Workshop
- ◆ 2nd Sunday of the Month at 2 pm: [GARS Ham Exam Session](#)  
Fire Station #24  
2735 Mall of Georgia Blvd  
Buford, GA 30519
- ◆ Every Monday at 7:30 pm: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater
- ◆ Every Monday at 8:30 pm: ARES Training on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater
- ◆ Most Saturdays at 7:30 am:  
GARS Weekly Breakfast  
Golden Corral Restaurant  
2155 Riverside Parkway,  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

### GARS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	3	4  <b>Happy Independence Day!!</b> 	5	6	7  7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
8	9  <b>GARS VE Team Testing Session Starts at 2:00 pm Gwinnett Co. Fire Station #24</b>  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	10  5:00 - 6:30 pm Dinner  7:00 - 9:00 pm GARS Meeting	11	12	13	14  7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
15	16  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	17  5:00 - 6:30 pm Dinner  7:00 - 9:00 pm GARS Workshop	18	19	20	21  Breakfast at Golden Corral <b>General HamCram Session 1</b>
22	23  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	24	25	26	27	28  Breakfast at Golden Corral <b>General HamCram Session 2</b>
29	30  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	31	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4  7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive

## Metro Testing Sessions

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at <http://www.arrl-ga.org>.

### First Sunday, ODD Months

2 pm (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov)  
VEC: WCARS  
Braselton Public Utility Building  
4986 Highway 53, Braselton, GA  
Contact: Roger Gibson, WB4T  
(770) 271-4210 or (770) 712-9560  
[w4rlg@bellsouth.net](mailto:w4rlg@bellsouth.net)

### First Sunday, EVEN Months

2 pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)  
VEC: WCARS  
Hall County EOC  
470 Crescent Dr. Gainesville, Ga.  
Contact: Perry Roper, KO4RD  
(770) 536-3056

### Second Saturday

10:00 AM  
Alpharetta North Park, Adult Activities Center  
13450 Cogburn Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004  
Contact: Ian Kahn, KM4IK  
E-mail: [km4ik.ian@gmail.com](mailto:km4ik.ian@gmail.com)

### Third Saturday, ODD Months

VEC: ARRL  
9:30 am (Appointments required, no walk-ins)  
Stone Mountain Masonic Lodge  
840 VFW Drive  
Stone Mountain, GA 30083  
Contact: Frank Haynes, KV4SP  
Email: [fhaynes@vatmom.net](mailto:fhaynes@vatmom.net)  
(678) 467-3712

### Second Sunday

VEC: W5YI  
2 pm  
Fire Station #24  
Mall of Georgia Boulevard  
Buford, GA 30519  
Contact: Dave Bruse, W4DTR  
E-mail: [exams@gars.org](mailto:exams@gars.org)

### Third Saturday

VEC: W5YI  
2 pm @ Barrow Co. Emerg. Serv. Bldg  
66 McElroy Street  
Winder, GA 30680  
Contact: Steve Donellan, N5SMD  
(404) 520-0368  
E-mail: [n5smd@comcast.net](mailto:n5smd@comcast.net)

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## Ham Exam Results

### June Results

We had another good testing session on Sunday, June 10th. Seven individuals took exams with the following results:

- Two new Technician class
- Four upgrades to General class.

Many thanks to the VE's who made this session possible:

- Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN
- Steve Back, WB2OGY
- Russ Prevost, KN4CGO
- Allison Lynch, AB4YL
- Dale Lynch, AE4DL
- Frank Haynes, KV4SP
- Bill Hawkins, WR1TR
- Dave Bruse, W4DTR (CVE)

73, *Don Bagby*, KK4NJM  
(Co-CVE)

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### Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC  
7 pm @ United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Rd., Douglasville  
Contact: Jessie Clower, KB4WFK  
(770) 942-6466

### Fourth Sunday

2:30 pm Georgia Tech  
VanLeer Elec. Building  
Rm. W218, 777 Atlantic Dr.  
For more information go to  
[www.w4aql.com](http://www.w4aql.com) and click on "Test Sessions"

## Metro Club Meetings

### First Tuesday

Kennehoochee ARC  
Downtown Marietta  
Fire Station #1, Training Room  
112 Haynes Street  
Marietta, Georgia 30060  
Meeting begins at 7:00pm  
Talk In 146.880(-)

### First Thursday

Atlanta Radio Club  
Georgia Red Cross HQ  
1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta  
Meeting is at 7:30pm  
Talk In -146.820(-)

### N.E. Georgia ARC

Commerce Public Library  
1344 South Broad Street, Commerce  
Meeting is at 6:30pm  
Talk In - 147.225(+), PL 123.0

### Second Monday

Georgia Tech ARC  
Room W218  
Van Leer Electrical Engineering Bldg.  
Georgia Tech Campus  
Meeting at 7:00pm

### Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club  
Annistown Road Baptist Church  
Annistown Rd & Spain Rd  
Stone Mountain  
Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:30pm  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

### Second Saturday

North GA QRP Club  
Board Room of The Shepherd Center  
2020 Peachtree Rd, NW, Atlanta  
at 10:00 AM

### Third Tuesday

North Fulton Amateur Radio League  
Alpharetta Recreation & Parks Dept  
Alpharetta Adult Activity Center  
13450 Cogburn Road  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
meeting at 7:30pm  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

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